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SUMMARY. REACTING TO LARG THREAT TO CUT RELATIONS WITH CAIRO BECAUSE OF ANTI-QADHAAFI STATEMENTS MADE BY SADAT (TO KUWAITI NEWSPAPER APRIL 11), GOE HAS RELEASED PURPORTED TEXT OF PROTEST NOTE DELIVERED TO HEAD OF LIBYAN OFFICE FOR EGYPTIAN RELATIONS HERE. NOTE REPORTEDLY REJECTS CATEGORICALLY THE "ABUSIVE" LARG PROTEST, NOTES BROTHERLY RELATIONS OF TWO PEOPLES EXIST INDEPENDENTLY OF QADHAAFI'S BEHAVIOR, AND HOLDS HIM AND RCC RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY DONE TO EGYPTIANS IN LIBYA. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 16 FEATURES GOE RESPONSE TO LIBYAN

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PROTEST NOTE DELIVERED APRIL 14 TO HEAD OF EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

OFFICE IN TRIPOLI BY PRIMIN JALLUD AND COS ABU BAKR YUNIS,
ON BEHALF OF LIBYAN RCC.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, EGYPTIAN "COMMUNIQUE" NOTED FOLLOWING
POINTS:

A) LIBYA PROTESTED IN UNACCEPTABLE ABUSIVE TERMS TO RECENT
STATEMENTS BY SADAT DEFYING STAND OF QADHAAFI. SADAT'S STATEMENTS
HAD REVEALED QADHAAFI'S VAIN EFFORTS EXERT PRESSURE ON EGYPT
TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH SOME ARAB COUNTRIES OF WHOSE GOVERNMENT
QADHAAFI DOES NOT APPROVE.

B) LARG THREATENED CUT RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND JALLUD MADE
IRRESPONSIBLE THREAT OF ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AGAINST
EGYPTIANS IN LIBYA.

3. COMMUNIQUE THEN DEFINES EGYPTIAN VIEW AS FOLLOWS:

A) EGYPT CATEGORICALLY REJECTS LARG PROTEST AND CONSIDERS
ABUSES IN IT CONSONANT WITH QADHAAFI'S POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN
DENOUNCED BY EGYPTIAN AND ARAB PEOPLE, AND WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE
WITH MORALS OF LIBYAN PEOPLE. EGYPT HAS IGNORED THIS POLICY
AND WAS RELUCTANT RESPOND TO IT FOR SAKE OF (PROTECTING) ARAB
SOLIDARITY.

B) EGYPT VIEWS THREAT TO SEVER RELATIONS FROM DIFFERENT ANGLE
THAN DOES QADHAAFI. BROTHERLY EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS
BEGAN BEFORE QADHAAFI AND WILL CONTINUE AFTER HE GOES. EVEN IF
EGYPT SHOULD CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL OF EGYPTIAN OFFICE FOR
LIBYAN RELATIONS IN TRIPOLI, GOE WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO
THESE TIES WITH LIBYAN PEOPLE.

C) EGYPT KNOWS THAT "ESCALATION" LED BY QADHAAFI IS SIMPLY
EFFORT TO BREAK OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AND ARAB ISOLATION
RESULTING FROM HIS FAILURES TO EAST, WEST, AND SOUTH (OF
LIBYA) AND ALSO OF FAILURE OF "FORIEGN UNIONS" (MALTA?),
FAILURE ASCRIBABLE TO QADHAAFI HIMSELF.

D) EGYPT DENOUNCES QADHAAFI'S POLICY WHICH REACHED BEYOND
MEDIA ATTACKS TO POINT OF CONCEALING INTRIGUES WITH WHICH
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EGYPT CONFRONTED HIM IN SADAT'S MESSAGE TO RCC (LAST AUGUST,
SEE REFTEL).

E) GOE HOLDS QADHAAFI AND RCC RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCIDENTS
WHICH "HIRED ELEMENTS" MAY FABRICATE AGAINST EGYPTIANS WHO ARE
IN LIBYA TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF LIBYAN DEVELOPMENT. (COMMENT:
EGYPTIAN COMMUNITY PROBABLY NUMBER ABOUT 200,000.) GOE NOTES
THAT HOSPITABLE LIBYAN PEOPLE WILL CONDEMN ANY MOVE IN THIS

WICKED AND SHAMEFUL DIRECTION.

3. COMMENT: HEAD OF LIBYAN OFFICE IN CAIRO WAS SUMMONED TO
MFA TO RECEIVE ABOVE OFFICIAL NOTE. TO ADD INSULT TO LIBYAN
INJURY, HE WAS LECTURED BY MEDIUM RANK OFFICER WHO IS MERE
FIRST SECRETARY ON FAHMY'S STAFF.
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